

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A smokable rod for a cigarette comprising:
(a) a lighting end and a mouth end;
(b) a longitudinally extending core portion incorporating a smokable material composed predominantly of tobacco and optionally includes a first burn suppressing agent and no appreciable amount of aerosol forming material;

(c) a longitudinally extending outer portion circumscribing the core portion in an annular manner, the outer portion (i) being physically separate from the core portion, (ii) incorporating tobacco material in a cut filler form in intimate contact with a second burn suppressing agent, and (iii) being composed predominantly of tobacco material and aerosol forming material,

(d) an outer wrapping material circumscribing the outer portion; and
(e) a wrapping material for the core portion that exhibits an inherent porosity of more than about 100 CORESTA units.

wherein the second burn suppressing agent is present in an amount and of a type to provide a degree of burn suppression in the outer portion higher than a degree of burn suppression in the core portion.

2. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1 wherein said wrapping material for the core portion physically separates the core portion from the outer portion.

3. (Original) The rod of Claim 1 or 2 having a mouth end piece attached to the mouth end thereof.

4. (Original) The rod of Claim 1 having a cylindrical shape, the rod having a longitudinally extending outer surface, the outer wrapping material providing the longitudinally extending outer surface, and the lighting end and mouth end each being open to expose the core and outer portions.

5. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 1 wherein said wrapping material for the core portion physically separates the core portion from the outer portion longitudinally along the rod, the lighting end and mouth end each being open to expose the core and outer portions.

6. (Original) The rod of Claim 4 or 5 having a mouth end piece attached to the mouth end thereof.

7. (Original) The rod of Claim 1, 2, 4 or 5 wherein the aerosol forming material includes glycerin.

8. (Original) The rod of Claim 1, 2, 4 or 5 wherein the outer wrapping material is composed of paper.

9. (Original) The rod of Claim 2 or 5 wherein the wrapping material for the core portion is composed of paper.

10. (Original) The rod of Claim 1, 2, 4 or 5 wherein the outer wrapping material exhibits an inherent porosity of at least about 15 CORESTA units.

11. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 2 or 5 wherein the wrapping material for the core portion exhibits an inherent porosity of more than about 200 CORESTA units.

12. (Original) The rod of Claim 1 or 2 wherein essentially all of the smokable tobacco material is composed of tobacco in cut filler form.

13. (Original) The rod of Claim 1 or 2 wherein essentially all of the smokable tobacco material is composed of tobacco laminae, processed tobacco, or a blend thereof.

14. (Original) The rod of Claim 12 wherein at least a portion of the tobacco is cased and/or top dressed.

15. (Original) The rod of Claim 13 wherein at least a portion of the smokable tobacco material is cased and/or top dressed.

16. (Original) The rod of Claim 13 wherein the processed tobacco is composed of essentially all tobacco.

17. (Original) The rod of Claim 1 or 2 wherein the tobacco material of the outer portion is composed of essentially all tobacco.

18. (Original) The rod of Claim 17 wherein the tobacco material of the outer portion is in intimate contact with at least one salt exogenous to that tobacco material.

19. (Original) The rod of Claim 1 or 2 wherein the tobacco material of the outer portion is in intimate contact with at least one salt exogenous to that tobacco material.

20. (Original) The rod of Claim 1 or 2 wherein the tobacco material of the outer portion is a substrate for the aerosol forming material.

21. (Original) The rod of Claim 19 wherein the exogenous salt includes an alkali metal salt of a carboxylic acid.

22. (Original) The rod of Claim 1 wherein more than 60 percent by weight of outer portion is composed of tobacco material and aerosol forming material.

23. (Original) The rod of Claim 1 or 2 wherein, upon use, the core portion is burned from the lighting end toward the mouth end, and a majority of the outer portion undergoes smolder.

24. (Original) The rod of Claim 1 or 2 wherein the outer portion incorporates processed tobacco, and the processed tobacco is absent of exogenous inorganic filler material.

25. (Original) The rod of Claim 1 or 2 wherein the outer portion incorporates processed tobacco, the processed tobacco being absent of exogenous inorganic filler material, and the processed tobacco being composed of more than 90 percent by weight of tobacco, aerosol forming material, exogenous salt and binder.

26. (Original) The rod of Claim 25 wherein the aerosol forming material includes glycerin and the binder includes an alginate or guar gum.

27. (Currently Amended) A smokable rod for a cigarette comprising:
(a) a lighting end and a mouth end;
(b) a longitudinally extending outer portion circumscribing a core portion in an annular manner, the outer portion being composed predominantly of tobacco in cut filler form and optionally including a first burn suppressing agent and no appreciable amount of aerosol forming material;

(c) a longitudinally extending core portion incorporating a smokable material, the core portion (i) being physically separate from the outer portion, (ii) incorporating tobacco material optionally in intimate contact with a second burn suppressing

agent, and (iii) being composed predominantly of tobacco material and aerosol forming material;

(d) the outer portion being physically separate from the core portion; and

(e) an outer wrapping material circumscribing the outer portion;

wherein the first ~~second~~ burn suppressing agent is present in an amount and of a type to provide a degree of burn suppression in the outer ~~eeer~~ portion higher than a degree of burn suppression in the core-outer ~~eeer~~ portion, such that the ~~eeer~~ outer portion does not undergo burning.

28. (Original) The rod of Claim 27 further comprising a wrapping material for the core portion, said wrapping material physically separating the core portion from the outer portion.

29. (Original) The rod of Claim 27 or 28 having a mouth end piece attached to the mouth end thereof.

30. (Original) The rod of Claim 27 having a cylindrical shape, the rod having a longitudinally extending outer surface, the outer wrapping material providing the longitudinally extending outer surface, and the lighting end and mouth end each being open to expose the core and outer portions.

31. (Original) The rod of Claim 27 further comprising a wrapping material for the core portion, said wrapping material physically separating the core portion from the outer portion longitudinally along the rod, the lighting end and mouth end each being open to expose the core and outer portions.

32. (Original) The rod of Claim 30 or 31 having a mouth end piece attached to the mouth end thereof.

33. (Original) The rod of Claim 27, 28 or 30 wherein the aerosol forming material includes glycerin.

34. (Original) The rod of Claim 27, 28 or 30 wherein the outer wrapping material is composed of paper.

35. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 28 wherein the wrapping material for the core portion is composed of paper.

36. (Original) The rod of Claim 27 or 28 wherein the outer wrapping material exhibits an inherent porosity of at least about 15 CORESTA units.

37. (Previously Presented) The rod of Claim 28 or 31 wherein the wrapping material for the core portion exhibits an inherent porosity of more than about 100 CORESTA units.

38. (Original) The rod of Claim 27 or 28 wherein essentially all of the smokable tobacco material is composed of tobacco in cut filler form.

39. (Original) The rod of Claim 27 or 28 wherein essentially all of the smokable tobacco material is composed of tobacco laminae, processed tobacco, or a blend thereof.

40. (Original) The rod of Claim 39 wherein at least a portion of the smokable tobacco material is cased and/or top dressed.

41. (Original) The rod of Claim 39 wherein the processed tobacco is composed of essentially all tobacco.

42. (Original) The rod of Claim 27 or 28 wherein the tobacco material of the inner core portion is composed of essentially all tobacco.

43. (Original) The rod of Claim 27 or 28 wherein the tobacco material of the inner core portion is in intimate contact with at least one salt exogenous to that tobacco material.

44. (Original) The rod of Claim 43 wherein the exogenous salt includes an alkali metal salt of a carboxylic acid.

45. (Original) The rod of Claim 27 wherein more than 60 percent by weight of inner core portion is composed of tobacco material and aerosol forming material.

46. (Original) The rod of Claim 27 or 28 wherein, upon use, the outer portion is burned from the lighting end toward the mouth end, and a majority of the outer portion undergoes smolder.

47. (Original) The rod of Claim 27 or 28 wherein the inner core portion incorporates processed tobacco, and the processed tobacco is absent of exogenous inorganic filler material.

48. (Original) The rod of Claim 27 or 28 wherein the inner core portion incorporates processed tobacco, the processed tobacco being absent of exogenous inorganic filler material, and the processed tobacco being composed of more than 90 percent by weight of tobacco, aerosol forming material, exogenous salt and binder.

49. (Original) The rod of Claim 48 wherein the aerosol forming material includes glycerin and the binder includes an alginate or guar gum.

Claims 50-91 (Canceled)

92. (New) The rod of Claim 1, wherein the core portion has a first packing density between 100 mg/cm^3 and 350 mg/cm^3 , the outer portion has a second packing density between 350 mg/cm^3 and 650 mg/cm^3 , and the second packing density is greater than the first packing density.

93. (New) The rod of Claim 1, wherein the core portion comprises less than 2 percent of aerosol forming material.

94. (New) The rod of Claim 1, wherein the core portion comprises no aerosol forming material.

95. (New) The rod of Claim 1, 93 or 94, wherein the aerosol forming material is present in the rod in an amount of at least 5 weight percent of the combined dry weight of aerosol forming material and tobacco in the rod.

96. (New) The rod of Claim 1, 93 or 94, wherein the aerosol forming material is present in the rod in an amount of at least 10 weight percent of the combined dry weight of aerosol forming material and tobacco in the rod.

97. (New) The rod of Claim 1, 93 or 94, wherein the aerosol forming material is present in the rod in an amount of at least 15 weight percent of the combined dry weight of aerosol forming material and tobacco in the rod.

98. (New) The rod of Claim 27, wherein the core portion has a first packing density between 100 mg/cm^3 and 350 mg/cm^3 , the outer portion has a second packing density between 350 mg/cm^3 and 650 mg/cm^3 , and the second packing density is greater than the first packing density.

99. (New) The rod of Claim 27, wherein the outer portion comprises less than 2 percent of aerosol forming material.

100. (New) The rod of Claim 27, wherein the outer portion comprises no aerosol forming material.

101. (New) The rod of Claim 27, 99 or 100, wherein the aerosol forming material is present in the rod in an amount of at least 5 weight percent of the combined dry weight of aerosol forming material and tobacco in the rod.

102. (New) The rod of Claim 27, 99 or 100, wherein the aerosol forming material is present in the rod in an amount of at least 10 weight percent of the combined dry weight of aerosol forming material and tobacco in the rod.

103. (New) The rod of Claim 27, 99 or 100, wherein the aerosol forming material is present in the rod in an amount of at least 15 weight percent of the combined dry weight of aerosol forming material and tobacco in the rod.